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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing in support of broadband competition. I currently purchase excellent copper-wire-based internet service from an independent local company, LMi.net. Their office is half a mile from my home, they provide excellent service, and my subscription fees support local working people in my community -- this is of utmost importance to me. For many years I was stuck with Comcast -- a terrible experience with a massive, expensive, unresponsive company that was beholden to no one and regularly gave me terrible service. I was so glad to be able to cut the cord on an inferior product and company, and to choose a better product at a good price from a company with values that align with my own. As a capitalist and a patriotic American, I feel it is my right and an expression of my patriotism to support the "little guy" if I choose, and not to have my personal, commercial choices stymied by intrusive government-sponsored monopolies.

Thank you in advance for your time.

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